

House Resolution 28 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 28

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1 A Resolution honoring the University of Northern Iowa
2 men's basketball team and program.

3 WHEREAS, for the 2014-2015 season, the University
4 of Northern Iowa (UNI) men's basketball team had an
5 overall record of 31-4, breaking the school record for
6 most victories in a season; and

7 WHEREAS, the Panthers achieved the team's highest
8 national rankings of 9th by the USA Today Coaches Poll
9 and 10th by the Associated Press; and

10 WHEREAS, the Panthers are the 2015 Missouri Valley
11 Conference (MVC) champions, posting a 16-2 conference
12 record on the way to earning an unprecedented 5th seed
13 in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)
14 Division I Men's Basketball Tournament; and

15 WHEREAS, the team delighted fans at the McLeod
16 Center by going 15-0 at home; and

17 WHEREAS, the team's 16 consecutive wins and seven
18 consecutive road wins ignited UNI fans and alumni not
19 only in the Cedar Valley that UNI calls home but across
20 the state, the nation, and the world; and

21 WHEREAS, senior forward Seth Tuttle of Sheffield,
22 Iowa is a finalist for NCAA Player of the Year and
23 received numerous other awards for his stellar play,
24 including the Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year, the
25 MVC Tournament Most Outstanding Player, and 2nd team
26 All-American by the United States Basketball Writers
27 Association, Sporting News, Bleacher Report, and Sports
28 Illustrated.com; and

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1 WHEREAS, junior guard Wes Washpun, a graduate of
2 Cedar Rapids Washington High School, was named Missouri
3 Valley Conference Sixth Man of the Year; and

4 WHEREAS, Head Coach Ben Jacobson was named the
5 2014-2015 MVC Coach of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, 11 of the 16 UNI men's basketball team
7 members are native Iowans; and

8 WHEREAS, the entire 2014-2015 UNI men's basketball
9 roster deserves to be named: Matt Bohannon, Nate Buss,
10 Klint Carlson, Ted Friedman, Paul Jespersen, Robert
11 Knar, Bennett Koch, Wyatt Lohaus, Max Martino, Deon
12 Mitchell, Jeremy Morgan, Taylor Olson, Kasey Semler,
13 Marvin Singleton, Seth Tuttle, and Wes Washpun; NOW
14 THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
16 That the House of Representatives recognizes and
17 congratulates the UNI men's basketball team, Head Coach
18 Jacobson, and the coaching staff and program on its
19 outstanding 2014-2015 season; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, the
21 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives prepare a
22 copy of this Resolution for presentation to Head Coach
23 Jacobson and the University of Northern Iowa Panthers
24 men's basketball team.